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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper seems a useful adding to the literature as confirming the poor diagnostic accuracy and economic value of CA72-4. 1) INTRODUCTION - The sentence "This study included more than 32,000 subjects who received CEA, CA19-9, CA72-4, gastroscopy and colonoscopy assessments." does not belong to the introduction. It is more suitable as the first sentence of the Discussion. 2) METHODS - I acknowledge the sentence "We retrospectively analyzed all patients who met the inclusion criteria from October 2006 to May 2018." However, it is not clear to the reader which were the inclusion criteria. Please reword the paragraph. - It is not fully clear what the sentence "patients with previous malignant tumors who had been treated" really means. Were patient excluded base on any history of previous cancer? If so, it should be better specified. As it stands, it is not clear based on which kind of treatment patients were excluded (i.e. ?oncological, surgical, both). 3) RESULTS - Please revert the order of the 2 columns in Table 4 (i.e. correlation coeff. first, then p-values).



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Great large scale study of biomarkers classically used in medical care all over the world!